and abetting the terrorists of Pakistan ? What has the Government done in this regard ?

SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the programmes made by independent broadcasting corporations are made available by us to all the persons and friendly countries and are brought to the notice of all the people who are interested in the Kashmir affair. We have distributed many copies of such programmes; and also programmes that are made in our own country.

We have tried to make this material available to the Consultative Committee and the Standing Committee on External Affairs. We would be very happy to arrange special screening of these programmes for Members of Parliament who are interested in having a look at the material that we have. Later this year, we also hope to hold an exhibition of all the material not only on the Kashmir issue but also on other issues like Indian culture, Indian economic affairs and so on to enlighten the people across the globe, as to what is happening in our country.

Offences committed by Delhi Police

*525. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details about the in-station brutality in crime investigation by Delhi Police;

(b) what is the number of cases of various offences committed by Delhi Policemen against the general public which were detected in the year 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(c) what action has been taken against the defaulting Policemen in such cases;

(d) whether it is a fact that the orders of Lt. Governor of Delhi for the arrest of SHO Vivek Vihar R. P. Tyagi and Sub-Inspector Mukesh Kumar were defied by the Senior Police officers for an offence of custody death;

(e) whether the senior police officers DCP (Control Room) and ADCP had any hand in this murder;

(f) if so, what action Government propose to take against these senior officers; and

(g) whether Government propose to take up any study on offences committed by the men in Police in Delhi to check the rising graph by some preventive action ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) The number of cases of police atrocities on general public and custodial inmates during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 is as under :—

Year	No. of cases
1992-93	8
1993-94	4

Of the 12 cases, 6 relate to alleged death in police custody. In the remaining 6 cases, following offences were allegedly committed by the policemen:

(1) Causing hurt to extort confession in the Police Station;

(2) abduction, wrongful confinement and causing injury to extort confession in a police post;

(3) causing grevious hurt at the residence of the complainant;

(4) carnal intercourse against the order of nature inside a house;

(5) rape and criminal intimidation in a police beat-box; and

(6) wrongful confinement/wrongful restraint and criminal intimidation and causing injury at a private petrol pump.

(c) Nine criminal cases have been registered against defaulting police officials. One police official has already been dismissed. In 3 of the 6 cases relating to custodial deaths, the Magistrates conducting inquests did not suspect any foul play. In one of these 3 cases, the High Court has ordered a judicial inquiry.

(d) to (f) No such orders were issued by the Lt. Governor. However, on the basis of a complaint relating to the death of one Shri Mohinder Kumar, the Court of a Metropolitan Magistrate has issued warrants of arrest against Inspector R. P. Tyagi and Sub-Inspector Mukesh Kumar. The Court has also summoned a Deputy Commisioneer of Police and an Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police in this case.

(g) The Delhi State Government have been asked to furnish their proposals in this regard.

SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Mr. Chairman, Sir, my first supplementary relates to the answer given by the Minister to part (d), (e) and (f). The answer says that warrants of arrest have been issued against the defaulting police officers. My question is whether the defaulting police officials have been actually arrested in compliance with the warrants of arrest and if so, the date of arrests and if not, the reasons for not arresting such defaulting police officers.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Sir, it is a fact that the police have not been able to arrest these two officers against whom warrants of arrest have been issued. They are absconding. We have suspended them. And, efforts are on to arrest them.

SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: My second supplementary is whether the Government, for preventing custody deaths and police brutalities, has taken remedial measures such as providing special training for treatment of the in-custody accused.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is a fact and is a matter of concern to all of us that somewhere such hurting incidents like custodial deaths take place. We have been making our best efforts to improve the culture of policing. We are trying to make it more transparent. Legally also, Sir, we are trying to amend the Cr. P. C. whereby it would require that if a custodial death, at all takes place, within 24 hours the post-mortem examination should take place and instead of a magisterial inquiry, there will be a judicial inquiry. This will be a legal weapon available with the system. And, to have more transparency in the system I have suggested this today while I was talking to the officers on this. The Government is going to decide on this. We should have a small committee of senior citizens of Delhi so that people have a better interaction with the police functioning. Also, we have the Open House every third month, held by the Additional C.Ps. which can also communicate to the people if there is any shortcoming in the system. But I do share the concern of the House about such incidents and we are trying our best to strengthen the system by bringing in a more civilised culture to the police and taking action against those people who are involved in excesses. The Human Rights Commission has already been set up. They are also looking into it. Some steps are being initiated in this direction also.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Sir, there has been a rising trend of the police being against women in particular, in violation of everying that is there under the I.P.C. and the Cr. P. C. No special cells have been constituted to look into the rising crimes against women. If a woman were to go to the police station to complain, she is raped by the police constables on duty. And there is a great gender bias. Abusive language

of a humiliating nature is used against women. As the hon. Minister was very much in charge of the case which I have personally experienced with the police, I would like to know from him what steps the Government is taking to prevent this. Secondly, is there a Committee which has been constituted to look into what the police are buckling under and why they are behaving like this? Thirdly, what is the percentage of political patronage to the police in this? Somewhere there is a breakdown in the governance. If politicians interfere with the police functioning and use them to cover up cases, the police become equal to the Ministers and they may become an autonomous body governing themselves. This is where the system breaks down.

I am also concerned about the increasing clashes between the army personnel and the police personnel. There had been a serious incident in Andhra Pradesh. Unfortunately, the follow-up was that the public supported the army totally, saying that the police deserved it. It is unfair to the police as also to the services. I want to know what steps the Government is taking in this direction.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: As far as women are concerned, there are special instructions to the effect that no woman is to be arrested after the sun-set or before the sun-rise.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: But it happens all the time.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: It is being monitored. If any case comes to the notice of the hon. Member, it could be brought to our notice. We will take action against the erring officers. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:.....in Andhra at 11 o'clock in the night on false charges. And this is recent. I sent a telegram to the Prime Minister also. (*Interuptions*). I think we need a half-an-hour discussion on this.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: I agree. Sir, if you recollect my statement initially, I have said that there is a lot of improvement needed. I am not saying that no improvement is needed. I share the concern of the Members of this House. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: I fully associate myself with the sentiments expressed by Mrs. Renuka Chowdhury.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: That is why I say that the total culture has to be changed. That sort of culture has to be developed where they feel that they are for the service of the people. That type of culture has to be brought in. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Is there any time bound programme ? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : I have said that we are trying from both sides. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Let us have a discussion on this issue.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : All right. I have said in very clear terms that we are trying from both sides. On the one hand we can strengthen the legal system and on the other hand, we can change the culture by giving them proper training. We are showing video film to them to make them understand how they would feel when someone from their family meets with an accident and the policemen behave in an undesirable manner. All these efforts are being made. But, taking note of whatever concern has been shown by the House today, I assure the House that we will further improve the system and as I have said earlier, a small committee of five, six, senior citizens of Delhi would be constituted so that the fault-finding system could be improved. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.